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Severe Storm Hits Harford County

More than 30 roads closed due to downed trees and wires

(Bel Air, MD) - - Saturday evening, May 11 a severe thunderstorm passed through Harford County resulting in damage to homes, power outages and downed trees. The storm, which began at approximately 4:45 p.m., resulted in damage in the Fallston, Forest Hill, Bel Air, and Churchville areas of the county.

Although the Harford County 9 1 1 center received two reports of possible tornado activity, the National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed a “micro-burst” with winds of approximately 90 – 90 mph, straight line winds, not tornadoes did occur in the county.

The Harford County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits dispatched building inspectors to approximately three locations to inspect damage as a result of fallen trees on homes.

As a result of the storm, the Harford County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was partially activated to help coordinate storm response and mitigation efforts.

At the height of the storm, which lasted over an hour, the Harford County 9 1 1 Center received more than 130 calls for service. However there were no reports of serious injuries.

The Department of Public Works, Division of Highways sent crews out throughout the county to help clear more than 30 roads that were blocked due to downed power lines or trees.

The Harford County Department of Emergency Services reminds citizens to avoid areas where power lines are down as the lines may be energized which could result in electrocution to anyone who may come into contact with the wires.

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For additional information regarding storm preparedness, visit the Harford County Department of Emergency Services website at www.harfordpublicsafety.org and click on the link to *“Surviving the Storm”*.

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